



Welcome to the November edition of the Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

November Club Meeting - November 7th, Stratford Town Center

And here we are already in November. The leaves are dropping and the clocks are about to go back one hour. Fall has arrived for sure! Our next monthly meeting is coming up on Tuesday, November 7th, at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for 2023 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the 2022 and 2023 classes are automatically members of the club. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Center on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. Over the last few months we've learned about alternate power options for radio operations, 3D printing, SDRs, HF antennas in the field, and the April 2024 solar eclipse. At this month's meeting, Ricardo VY2AN has kindly offered to tell us more about Parks on the Air Activations.

Fall Back - November 5th, The Clocks are Going Back

Don't forget to change your clocks back this upcoming weekend. We gain an hour so that's always a good thing.

In-Person Basic Course - Canadian Red Cross, Charlottetown

The Basic Amateur course started September 11th and will be running to November 6th, 2023. Thanks to our dedicated teachers Brent, VY2HF, Bill, VY2WM, and Joel, VY2KW, the course has been a great success. The students have been working hard and are getting ready for their exams.

The first round of exams will take place on Thursday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m. (1900). There will be a second session on Saturday, November 25th, at 10:00 a.m. (1000) for anyone who can't make the 16th or would like to improve their score. The location for both exam sessions is the Canadian Red Cross building on Paramount Drive. These dates are not just open to those who are in our fall class but also to those who would like to write or re-write from previous classes, or who have studied at home. Anyone wanting to sit their Advanced exams are also welcome to take advantage of those dates. As always, exams are free! All we ask is that candidates reach out to Brent, VY2HF, by November 10th for Exam 1 and November 20th for Exam 2 - so he can make sure we get enough printed. The two exams will be different print runs with different sets of questions.

Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club - FLEA MARKET

Our flea market on October 21st was a super duper fantastic success. I for one am counting the days till the next one! Thanks so much to Bill VY2WM who did the bulk of the organizing, to everyone who got there early to help setting up (Tracey VY2TAZ, Graeme VY2WT, and Mike VY2MG ... apologies if I forgot anyone's name!), and to Ricardo VY2AN for bringing those wonderful ICOM goodies. Thanks also to everyone who brought food, set up a vendor's table, and simply made it a great day by being there. I think I speak for everyone when I say, we had a blast.

Meetings and Events Calendar - November

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Wednesday night 2M nets, 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s).
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000). After November 5th, this net will start an hour earlier at 7:00 P.M. (1900)
- 4, 11, 18, 25: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)
- 6: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW
- 7: Monthly club meeting

Future Events

- 5 December: Monthly CARC meeting, Stratford Town Center
- ? December: Annual CARC Christmas dinner - date and location to be decided

Help Us Out!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Drop us an email at secretary@charlottetownarc.com.